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In re Patent Application of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEARCHING AND DISPLAYING
STRUCTURED DOCUMENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above
application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 8-21, 23-27, 29-30 and 32-33 without
prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 34-49, as follows:

A. 34. (New) A structured document searching and
displaying method of performing a full-text search on elements
designated to a structured document and highlight-displaying
information on a position of the document meeting a search
result, in an information processing system including a
processor, a memory unit, a file unit and an input/output